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REMARKS

Claims 17, 19, 20 and 35 are pending in the subject application. Claim 17 has been amended and claims 40-43 have been added. Support for amended claim 17 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 17, lines 6-17. Support for new claims 40-43 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 11, lines 30-34. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 17, 19, 20, 35 and 40-43 will be pending and under examination.

August 24, 2005 Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Kaushal for his time and consideration during the August 24, 2005 telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney, Alan J. Morrison.

During the interview, it was agreed that amending claim 17, as done herein, would overcome the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103, and place claim 17 and dependent claims 19, 20 and 35 in condition for allowance. Thus, applicants maintain that these claims are in condition for allowance.

New claims 40-43 depend from claim 17 and are merely directed to individual embodiments of the extracellular matrix molecule recited in claims 17. Specifically, these individual embodiments, namely an amphoterin, a cadhedrin, an integrin and a hyaluronic acid, are each already recited in claim 17. Accordingly, applicants maintain that new claims 40-43 are also

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in condition for allowance.

Summary

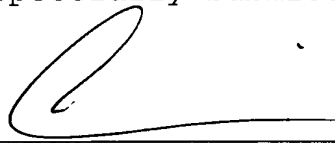
For the reasons set forth hereinabove, applicants respectfully request that all the claims of this application be allowed, and that the application proceed to issuance.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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No fee, other than the \$395.00 fee for filing an RCE, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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